

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Original) An initiator comprising:
  - a conductive header;
  - a reactant disposed on one side of the header;
  - a cover member for covering the reactant;
  - an electrode pin extending through the header to protrude from the other side of the header, the electrode pin being insulated from the header;
  - a heating member provided between the one side of the header and the electrode pin so as to generate heat by the application of electricity;
  - a cylindrical terminal protruding from the other side of the header coaxially with the electrode pin; and
  - a connector-retaining portion provided at a leading end of the cylindrical terminal.
2. (Original) An initiator according to claim 1, wherein the connector -retaining portion is an outward flange provided at the leading end of the cylindrical terminal.
3. (Original) An initiator according to claim 1, wherein the heating member is a bridge wire.
4. (Original) An initiator comprising:
  - a conductive header;
  - a reactant disposed on one side of the header;
  - a cover member for covering the reactant;
  - an electrode pin extending through the header to protrude from the other side of the header, the electrode pin being insulated from the header;
  - a heating member provided between the one side of the header and the electrode pin so as to generate heat by the application of electricity; and;
  - a connector-retaining portion provided at a leading end of the electrode pin.

5. (Original) An initiator according to claim 4, wherein the connector-retaining portion is shaped like a cone that decreases in diameter toward a leading end thereof.
6. (Original) An initiator according to claim 4, wherein the heating member is a bridge wire.
7. (Original) A gas generator comprising:
  - a gas-generating agent; and
  - an initiator;
  - wherein the initiator comprises a conductive header;
  - a reactant disposed on one side of the header;
  - a cover member for covering the reactant;
  - an electrode pin extending through the header to protrude from the other side of the header, the electrode pin being insulated from the header;
  - a heating member provided between the one side of the header and the electrode pin so as to generate heat by the application of electricity;
  - a cylindrical terminal protruding from the other side of the header coaxially with the electrode pin; and
  - a connector-retaining portion provided at a leading end of the cylindrical terminal;
  - wherein the initiator causes the gas-generating agent to start a gas-generating reaction.
8. (Currently Amended) An initiator comprising:
  - an electrode pin; and
  - a cylindrical terminal with an outward flange at a leading end of the terminal for retaining a connector;
  - wherein the electrode pin and cylindrical terminal are coaxial, and ~~coaxial; and;~~
  - wherein the initiator may be mounted in a housing in any direction.
9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) An initiator comprising only one electrode pin; thereby allowing the initiator to be easily attached to a connector, the pin including a cone shaped connector-retaining portion that decreases toward a leading end of the pin.
11. (Canceled).
12. (Canceled).
13. (New) An initiator according to claim 1, wherein the cylindrical terminal surrounds the electrode pin.
14. (New) The gas generator according to claim 7, wherein the cylindrical terminal surrounds the electrode pin.
15. (New) An initiator according to claim 8, wherein the cylindrical terminal surrounds the electrode pin.